THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Proposal regarding enhancement of AIR broadcast and Doordarshan telecast time progressively is under the active consideration of Government. However, various details like time likely to be increased on AIR and Doordarshan are yet to be worked out.

Workshop on urban services in the country

2281. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop on urban services in the country was held in New Delhi during April, 1988;

(b) if so, what is the number of personnel who participated in the workshop, with details thereof;

(c) what is the nature of the discussions held; and

(d) what are the recommendations made, if any, to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A Senior level international/Regional Workshop on "Public and Private Initiatives in the Delivery of Urban Services" was organised by the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi.

(b) 33 delegates from various International and National Organisations/Institutes participated in the Workshop.

(c) the discussions centred around three questions:

(i) what arrangements and system exist in the developing countries for the provision, delivery and management of urban services?

(ii) what innovations have been made to bring about improvements in the services provision and delivery systems?

(iii) what approach can be employed for evaluating the existing arrangements, and alternatives to them, if these are considered inefficient and ineffective?

(d) The Workshop did not make any recommendations to the Government.

National Seminar on poverty alleviation programme

2282. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Seminar on poverty alleviation programme was held in New Delhi during the second week of February, 1988;

(b) if so, the details of the participants;